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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**For:** A NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR AND A  
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AMENDMENT UNDER TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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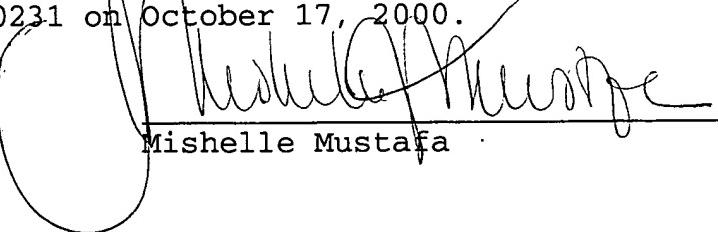
In response to the Official Action dated April 17, 2000 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment in the above-identified case.

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